

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/AU2004/001391

| A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER | | |
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| Int. Cl. ⁷ : A47J 37/06 E05D 7/00 F16C 11/10 | | |
| According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC | | |
| B. FIELDS SEARCHED | | |
| Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) | | |
| Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched | | |
| Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) WPAT, A47J 37/06 E05D 7/00 F16C 11/00, key words HING+,LOCK+,CAM+ | | |
| C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT | | |
| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
| A | EP 0696430 A (ELECTRODOMESTICOS SOLAC, S.A.) 14 February 1996 Whole documents | 1-9 |
| A | DE 2929223 A (LICENTIA PATENT GMBH) 5 February 1981 Whole documents | 1-9 |
| A | DE 2854991 A (MKT MODERNE KUCHENTECHNIK GMBH) 10 July 1980 Whole documents | 1-9 |
| A | EP 0702162 A (LIU YANG-TING) 20 March 1996 Whole documents | 1-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex |
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

(i) Claims 1-9 (ii) Claims 10-11, (iii) Claims 12-15, (iv) Claims 16-19, (v) Claims 20-23

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:1-9

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box No: III

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. In coming to this conclusion the International Searching Authority has found that there are different inventions as follows:

1. Claims 1-9 directed to a hinge locking assembly. It is considered that the combination of a lock barrel supporting a pivoting toggle, a lock shaft supporting a spring biased cam pin and a spring biased reset pin, and a shroud concealing the lock barrel and lock shaft comprises a first "special technical feature".
2. Claims 10-11 directed to a combination sandwich press and grill device. It is considered that the lower cooking surface is tilt adjustable and controlled by an actuator located on the exterior of the lower housing, the actuator coupled to a forward portion of the lower cooking surface comprises a second "special technical feature".
3. Claims 12-15 directed to a combination sandwich press and grill device. It is considered that the lower cooking surface temperature is controlled by a variable thermostat and an upper cooking surface temperature is controlled by a fixed thermostat comprises a third "special technical feature".
4. Claims 16-19 directed to a combination sandwich press and grill device. It is considered that the lower housing receives a removable drip tray that collects drippings from the upper cooking surface when the device is in a fully open orientation comprises a fourth "special technical feature".
5. Claims 20-23 directed to combination sandwich press and grill device. It is considered that the device positionable into the fully open orientation only upon activation of a hinge locking mechanism that is carried by the hinge that interconnects the upper and lower housings comprises a fifth special technical feature.

Since the abovementioned groups of claims do not share any of the technical features identified, a "technical relationship" between the inventions, as defined in PCT rule 13.2 does not exist. Accordingly the international application does not relate to one invention or to a single inventive concept, a priori.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

| Patent Document Cited in Search Report | | | Patent Family Member | | | |
|---|---------|------|----------------------|----|---------|---------|
| EP | 0696430 | AU | 28482/95 | CA | 2155620 | ES |
| | | JP | 8173326 | | | 2092953 |
| DE | 2929223 | NONE | | | | |
| DE | 2854991 | NONE | | | | |
| EP | 0702162 | CA | 2139525 | | | |

Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.

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